

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOMALI
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
New Delhi, 2 April 1979**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,

INSPIRED by a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations, and

DESIROUS of promoting and developing in every possible manner the relations and understanding between the two countries in the fields of art, culture, education, including academic activity in the fields of science and technology, sports public health and mass media of information and education

HAVE AGREED to conclude the following Agreement :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in fields of art and culture, education including academic activity in the fields of science and technology, public health, mass media of information and education, sports and games and journalism in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate :

- (a) reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures, study tours and conducting special courses;

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- (b) reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, scientific, technical, artistic, sports and journalists' associations and organisations and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars;
- (c) exchange of materials in the fields of culture, science, education, sports, translation and exchange of books, periodicals, and other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications, and wherever possible, exchange of art specimens; and
- (d) reciprocal facilities in regard to visits by archaeologists of one country to the other to enable them to gain experience of excavation as well as preservation and display of archaeological finds, and for training purposes, and also in regard to exchange of specimens.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties agree to review the existing educational systems specially the curricula of secondary and university programmes with a view to recognising the equivalence of diplomas, certificates and degrees.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other Party through the media of radio, television and press. With this end in view, the two Parties shall exchange suitable materials and programmes.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote :

- (a) exchange of artists, and dance and music ensembles;
- (b) exchange of art and other exhibitions;
- (c) exchange of documentaries, radio and television programme recordings and recordings on discs and tapes; and
- (d) exchange of experts in the field of cinematography and participation in each other's National and International Film Festivals

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, their stay and movements in their respective territories.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure that text-books prescribed for their educational institutions particularly those relating to History and Geography, do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts about each other's country.

Article 9

Each Contracting Party shall welcome the establishment in its territory of cultural institutes or friendship associations devoted to educational and cultural pursuits by the other Contracting Party, or the Contracting Parties jointly, in accordance with its laws, regulations and general policy in this regard; it being understood that prior clearance of the Government would be obtained before any institution is established under this Article.

Article 10

For the fulfilment of objectives of the present Agreement a Joint Committee may be established by the Contracting Parties and when considered necessary consisting of an equal number of representatives of the two Governments, which shall meet at least once every two years as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties alternately in New Delhi and Mogadishu.

The Joint Committee will be responsible for reviewing periodically the working of the present Agreement advising the Government concerned in formulating and recommending any items of interest to either Party in the fields envisaged in the present Agreement, as also advising the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of the exchange of the Instruments of Ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further periods of five years each until either Contracting Party gives to the other a six months prior notice of its intention to terminate the present Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have affixed their seals thereto.

DONE at New Delhi this Twelveth day of Chaitra Nineteen hundred one(SAKA) corresponding to the Second day of April Nineteen hundred seventynine in six originals, two each in Hindi, Somali and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic except that in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of India

For the Government of the
Somali Democratic Republic

Sd/-

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Minister for Education,
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Sd/-

ABDIRAHMAN JAMA BARRE
Minister of Foreign Affairs
